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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

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TAGS: MU, PFOR, LY

SUBJ: COLONEL GADHAFI'S NON-VISIT TO OMAN

1. FOREIGN PRESS OR RADIO MAY HAVE CARRIED STORY IMPLYING
SNUB TO SULTAN QABOOS BASED ON OMAN RADIO REPORT THAT: A. COL
QADHAFI CABLED HE PLANNED BRIEF VISIT; B. SULTAN WAITED FOR HIM
AT AIRPORT; C. QADHAFI OVERFLEW OMAN EN ROUTE TO ADEN; AND D.
SULTAN RECEIVED ONLY MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI, "HOPING MEET YOU
SHORTLY IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE."

2. OMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY VERSION, ACCORDING TO UNDER SECRETARY
ALWAI, IS THAT KARACHI AIRPORT NOTIFIED SEEB AIRPORT THAT

QADHAFI AIRCRAFT WOULD MAKE REFUELING STOP, SULTAN WAS INFORMED
AND DECIDED TO GREET QADHAFI; DECISION TO OVERFLY AND STOP
IN ADEN FOR REFUELING WAS ONLY TECHNICAL AND QADHAFI WAS UNAWARE
THAT SULTAN EXPECTED TO GREET HIM.

3. ALAWI ADDED THAT OMANI-LIBYAN CONTACTS AT LAHORE CONFERENCE
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WERE FRIENDLY, AID WAS DISCUSSED "AS USUAL" BUT LIBYAN PROMISES

WERE OLD STORY.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT ALL THAT SURE THAT QADHAFI WAS UNAWARE
SULTAN EXPECTED HIM. IN ANY EVENT, OMANI PUBLIC VIEWS INCIDENT
AS SNUB.
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